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Announcement of First Rice Tender 2004

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Report Highlights:

On March 26, Taiwan announced the 1st public tender for 8,850 metric tons of medium brown rice plus 500 metric tons of long milled glutinous rice and 500 metric tons of short milled glutinous rice. The tenders will all be for crops harvested after July 2003. The technical bids are scheduled for April 8 while the price bids are set for April 9. All bidding documents and rice samples should be submitted to the Central Trust of China by 10:00 a.m. March 8.

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The 1th Rice Tender is Scheduled for April 8-9

On March 26, Taiwan announced the 1st public tender for 8,850 metric tons of medium grain brown rice, 500 metric tons of long milled glutinous rice and 500 metric tons of short milled glutinous rice. Since the conversion factor from milled to brown is 1.15, each 500-ton tender equals 575 tons on a brown rice basis. All three tenders are for crops harvested on or after July 2003. The technical bids are scheduled for April 8 while the price bids are set for April 9. All bidding documents and rice samples should be submitted to the Central Trust of China by 10:00 a.m. April 8.

Tender Specifications

The other specifications for the non-glutinous rice tender are unchanged.

This is the first tender for glutinous rice since Taiwan's January 2002 WTO accession. The quality specifications for long and short glutinous grain are listed below.

Long Milled Glutinous Rice Quality Allowance Specification

Moisture	Impurities	Broken kernels	Maximum Limit					
			Damaged kernels		Off-type kernels	Brown rice	Paddy	Non-opaque waxy kernels
			Total	Discolored kernels				
14	0.5	25	5	0.5	5	0.4	0.4	5

Notes: Product shall not contain insects, insect eggs or residues, and shall not have a rotten or foreign odor.

Short Milled Glutinous Rice Quality Allowance Specification

Moisture	Impurities	Broken kernels	Maximum Limit					
			Damaged kernels		Off-type kernels	Brown rice	Paddy	Non-opaque waxy kernels
			Total	Discolored kernels				
14	0.5	20	5	0.5	5	0.2	0.2	5

Notes: Product shall not contain insect, insect eggs or residues, and shall not have rotten or foreign odor.